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Dear Mr. Fiore:

Enclosed is Illinois' complete request for KidCare Parent Coverage. We seek approval of our plan as a Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability (HIFA) waiver. As proposed, this plan would make health insurance coverage available to more than 300,000 Illinoisans and reduce the number of uninsured persons in the State.

I appreciate the positive working relationship that Illinois and CMS have developed. I think recent work on the drug waiver is a fine example of how the state and federal governments can work together to improve the health status of our citizens. I look forward to the same effective coordination on this request.

Thank you for consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jackie Garner  
Director

Enclosure

cc: DMC  
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